

EXCITEMENT WITH THE AMAZING FISHBOY INSIDE!

BUSTER ^{7d}

and Giggle

EVERY MONDAY

8th FEBRUARY, 1969

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BUSTERS DREAM-WORLD

THE OLD MAN NEXT DOOR IS HAVING A HARD JOB TO DIG HIS GARDEN, BUSTER! YOU OUGHT 'TO GO AND HELP HIM!

THIS IS BACK-BREAKING WORK, BUSTER!

AND TOOL BUSTING, TOO, I SEE!

THERE MUST BE AN EASIER WAY TO DIG UP A GARDEN!

LEAVE IT TO ME, MISTER! I'LL DREAM UP SOMETHING!

SUDDENLY...

EESH! WHAT IS IT?

JUST A MECHANICAL DIGGER I'VE DREAMED UP!

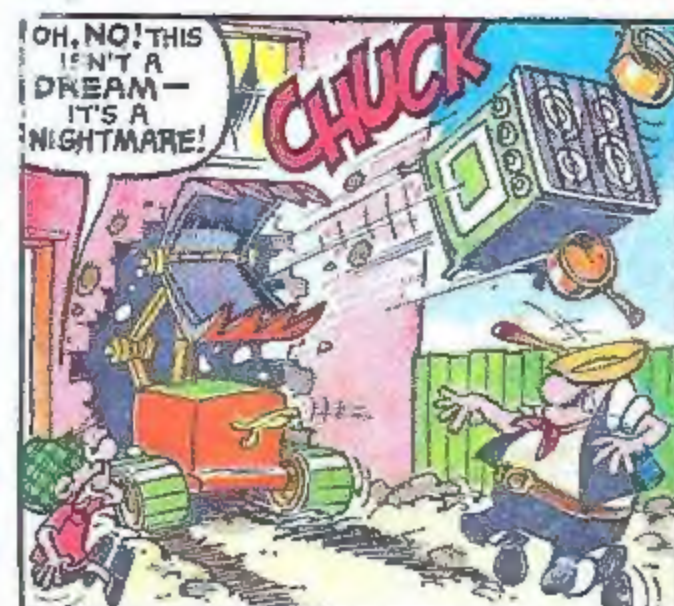
I'LL SOON HAVE YOUR GARDEN DUG NOW!

EE-TA!

DIG DIG DIG

THEN...

CHUCK OUCH!



HIGH IN THE SKY, JIM AND DANNY MADE A STARTLING DISCOVERY!

GALAXUS

THE THING FROM OUTER SPACE

A space-creature known as Galaxus had been marooned on Earth, and although he meant no harm to anyone he was being hunted throughout the world. Whilst trying to escape from South America with Jim and Danny Jones, Galaxus was placed in an empty tin before the boys stowed away aboard an airliner bound for Europe. But once airborne, Jim took the tin from his pocket, and...

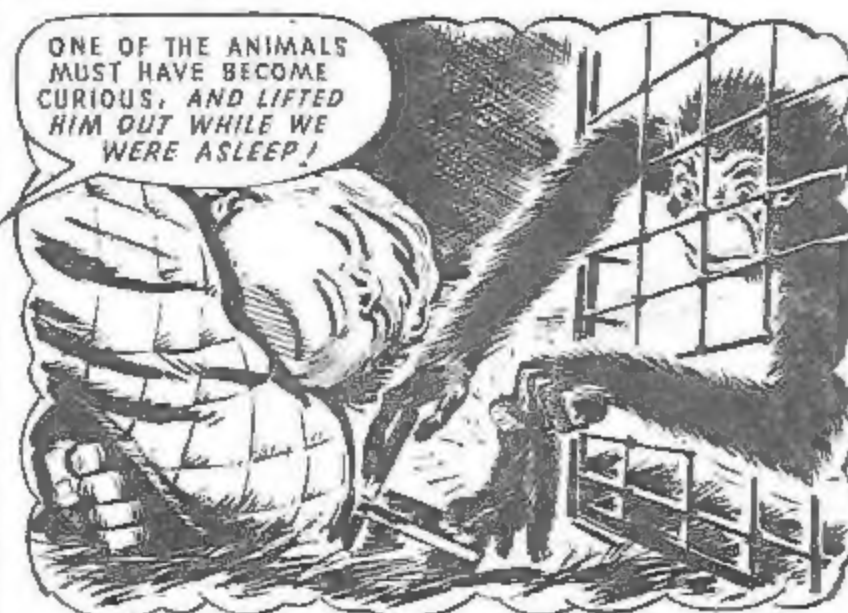


FRANTICALLY, JIM THOUGHT BACK OVER THE EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW HOURS—AND THEN HE REMEMBERED SOMETHING IMPORTANT...

OF COURSE! THERE WAS A CONSIGNMENT OF BABY MONKEYS IN THAT WAREHOUSE, TOO... DUE TO GO OUT ON ANOTHER FLIGHT!



ONE OF THE ANIMALS MUST HAVE BECOME CURIOUS, AND LIFTED HIM OUT WHILE WE WERE ASLEEP!



TINY GALAXUS MADE A DETERMINED ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM HIS ANIMAL CAPTORS!

HAVING ACCUSTOMED THEMSELVES TO THEIR SURROUNDINGS, THE JUNGLE-CREATURES BEGAN TO PLAY EXCITEDLY WITH THEIR NEW-FOUND "TOY"...



DAZED AND BEWILDERED, THE TINY SPACE-BEAST LANDED IN THE SECOND MONKEY'S HAND—AND SHEER DESPERATION MADE HIM SUDDENLY RETALIATE...



SURPRISED MORE THAN HURT, THE MONKEY WAVED ITS BITTEN FINGER IN THE AIR—AND GALAXUS TUMBLED HEADLONG TO THE FLOOR OF THE CAGE...



FRANTICALLY SEEKING A PLACE TO HIDE, HE DIVED STRAIGHT INTO A LARGE FEEDING BOWL WHICH HAD BEEN PLACED IN A CORNER OF THE PEN...



BURYING HIMSELF QUICKLY AMONG THE CRUMBLING PEANUTS, GALAXUS LAY ABSOLUTELY STILL—HOPING THAT THE MONKEYS WOULDN'T FIND HIM...

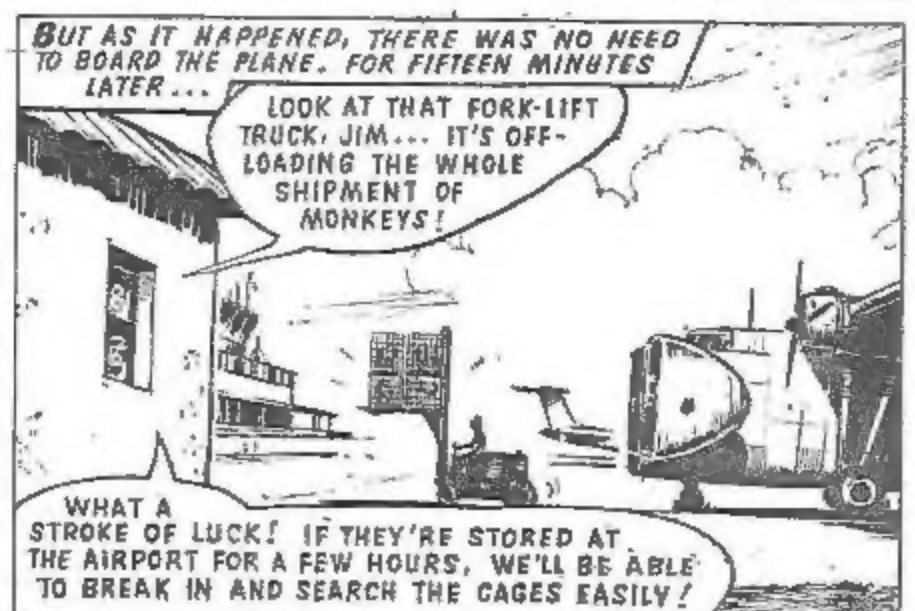
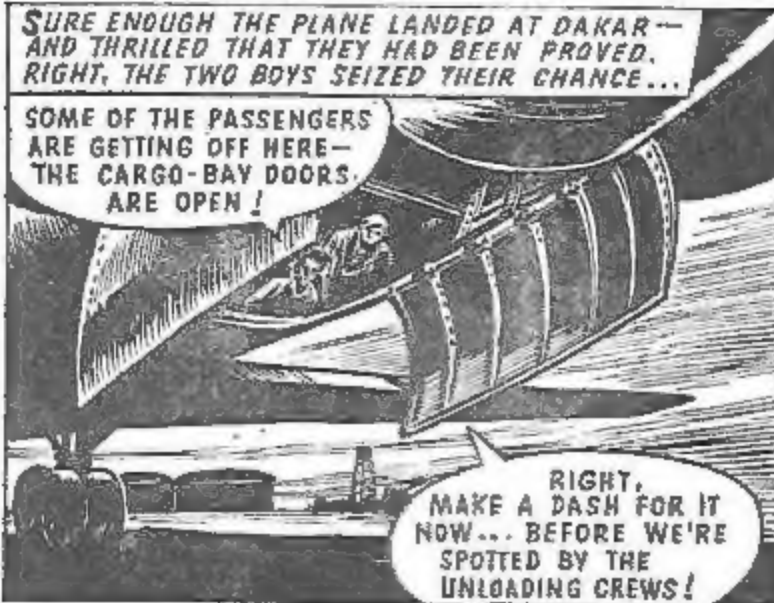
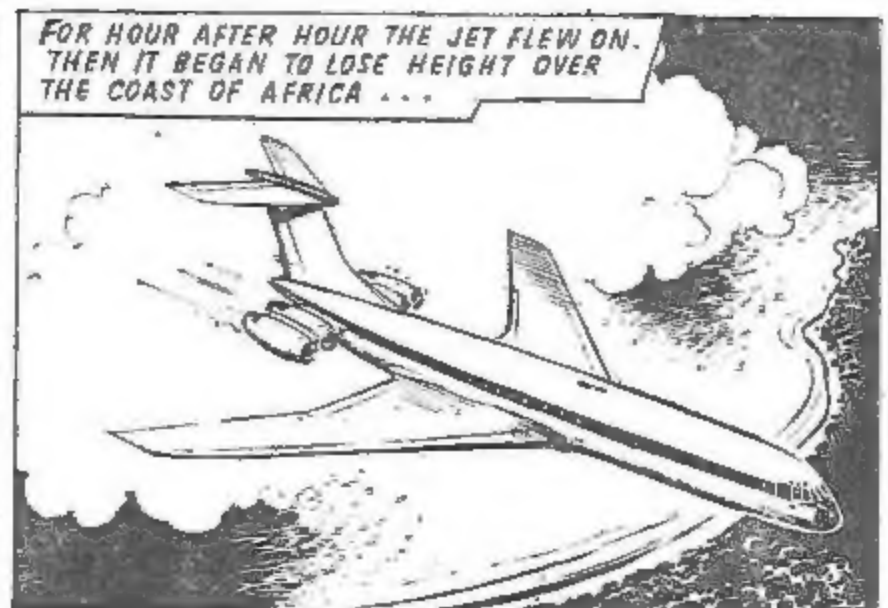


MEANWHILE, JIM JONES HAD BEEN GIVING THE PROBLEM OF THE SPACE-CREATURE'S FATE A LOT OF THOUGHT. AND SUDDENLY...



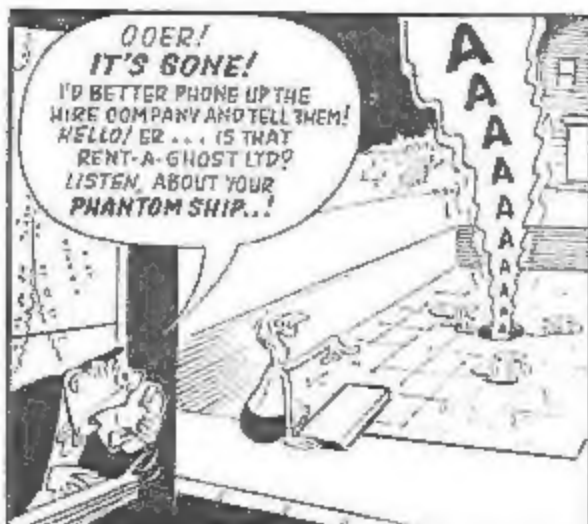
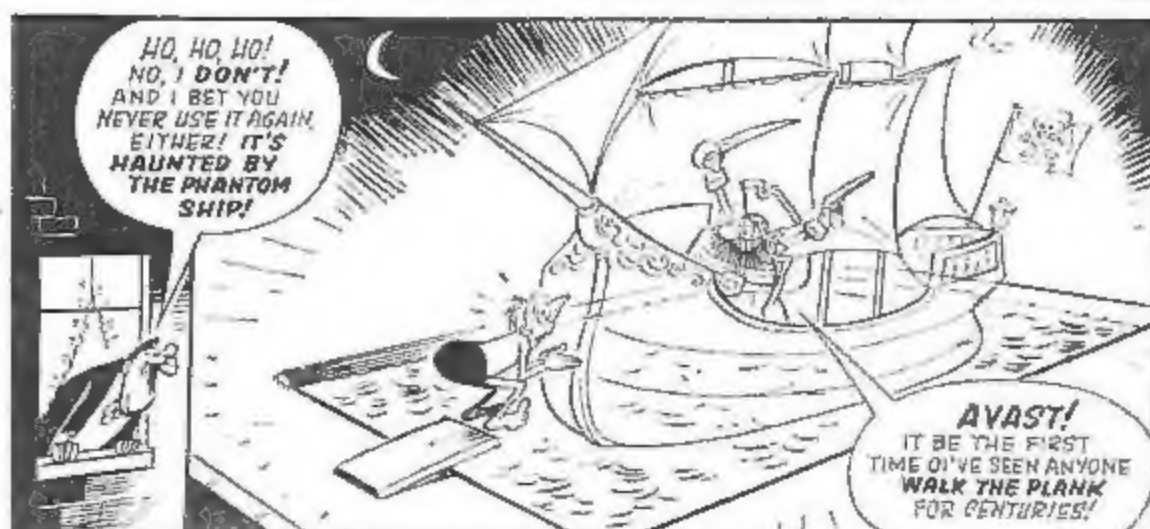
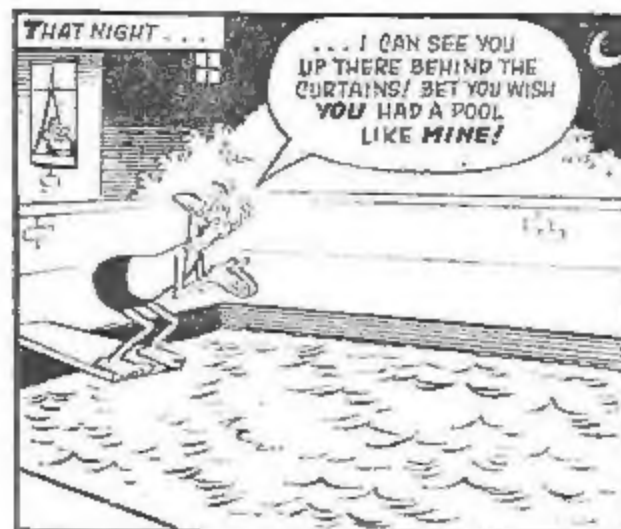
THE PLANES TOOK OFF FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, RIGHT? WELL, I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT THE BUSIEST ROUTE FROM THERE IS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC TO A RE-FUELLING STOP AT DAKAR, IN WEST AFRICA!





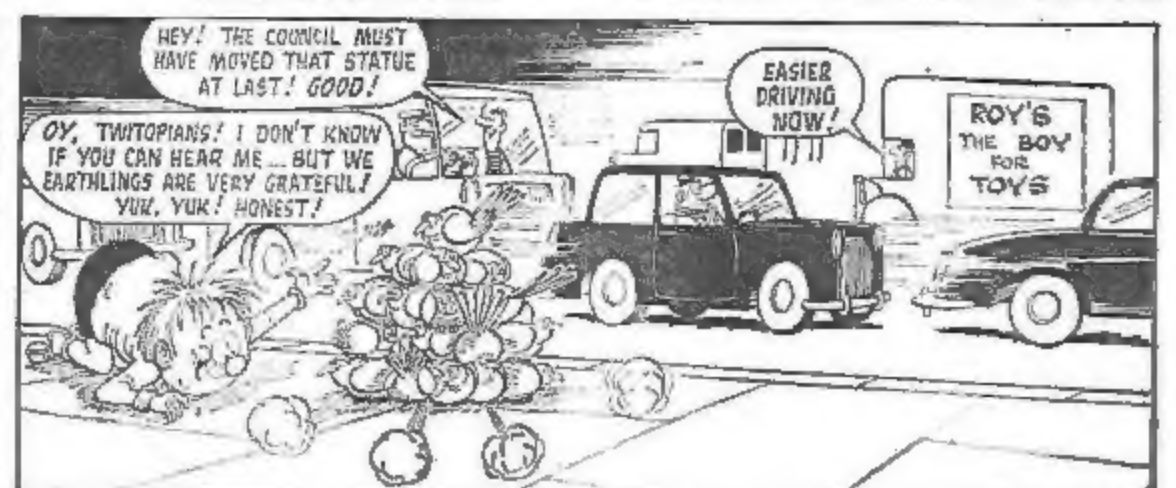
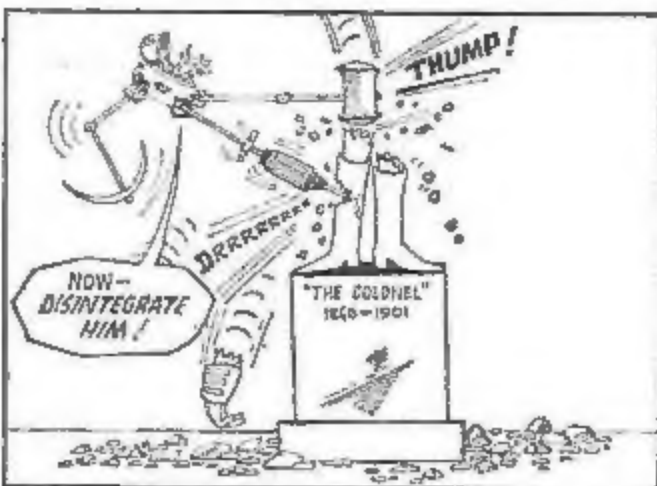
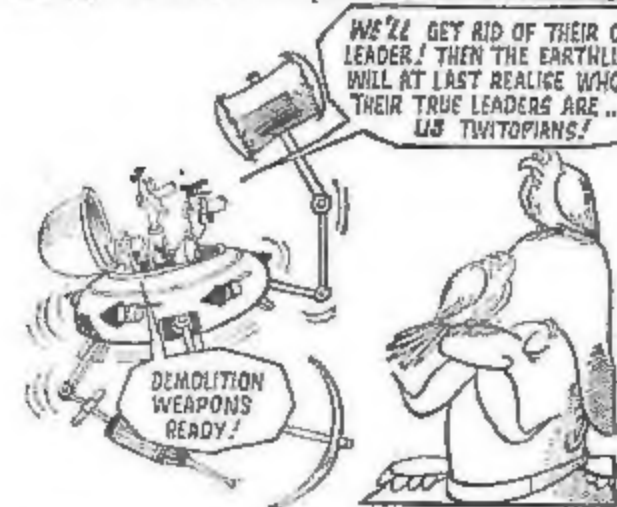
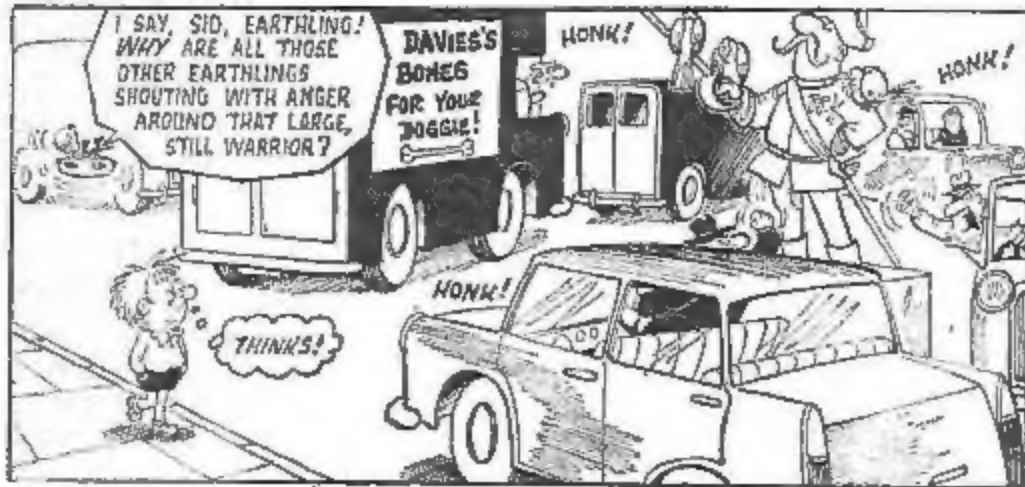
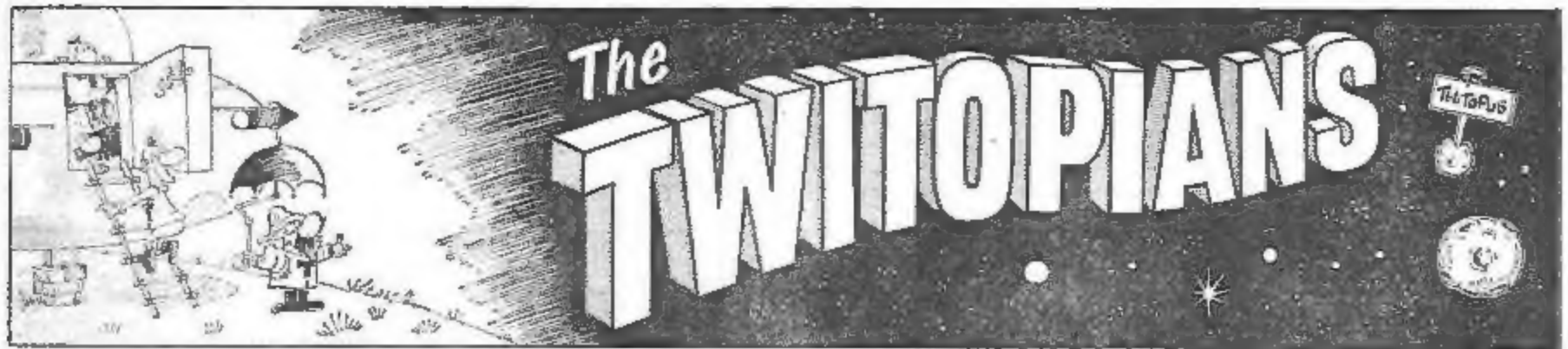
WILL GALAXUS BE DISCOVERED? YOU MUST NOT MISS NEXT MONDAY'S DRAMATIC CONTINUATION!

IT'S ONLY THE GHOST WHO IS PUT OFF HIS STROKE WHEN HE HAUNTS A MAN IN A SWIMMING POOL!



MORE GHOSTLY GOINGS-ON NEXT WEEK! YOU'RE GUARANTEED A "WAIL" OF A TIME!

THE TWITOPAINS REALLY UPSET SOME PIGEONS IN THIS LITTLE LARK! COO!



OUR SPACEMEN TRY TO TAKE A HOSTAGE NEXT MONDAY... BUT THEY CAPTURE THE LAUGHS INSTEAD!

Greetings, Gang!

AND a hearty welcome to the hundreds of new readers who sent in the free joining form printed here last week. It's nice to have you in the Buster Club! I can't possibly write to all of you, but I would like to tell you that now I've received your forms, you have been made full Club members. That means you can take part in all the Club fun—and who knows, perhaps win a prize quite soon!

Your friend,

Buster



"We Like Buster!"

INTRODUCING six cheerful mates of mine who are all glad they joined the Club. Read all about them below—perhaps they are already friends of yours!

Meet Simon Reeves, below, of Blackpool. He is a cub scout and fond of fishing.



Peterborough member, Peter Potkins, below, says that he enjoys mowing the lawn regularly!



From Shipley, here's John Hindmarch, who spends his spare time collecting coins.



That's Robert Shorter above, from Walton-on-Thames. He is a keen cricket fan.



James Horrocks, above, is from Liverpool. He has many pets, including a poodle.



And this is Gillian Rees, of Gloucester. She enjoys netball, rounders and swimming in summer.



BUSTER'S BIRTHDAY CLUB

MY ADDRESS: Buster's Birthday Club, 1-2 Bear Alley, Farringdon St., London, E.C.4 (Comp.)

Hi, date-spothers . . . Who's for a prize?

27th AUGUST, 1957

20th MARCH, 1959

9th JANUARY, 1962

18th OCTOBER, 1958

12th MAY, 1960

23rd SEPTEMBER, 1961

EXPECTING a parcel from the postman? Well, you certainly will be soon if you can see your date printed above—exact day, month and year, of course—and provided you joined my Birthday Club by **Monday, 27th January**. There are awards waiting for members whose dates appear this week, and they can choose from any of those shown on the left. They are: **Disguise Outfit, Writing Folder, Pocket Knife, Fountain Pen or Model Vintage Car Kit.**

When you've chosen a prize, write it clearly on a postcard, together with your full name, address and date of birth.

Mark the card "BIRTH DATE GAME" in the top left-hand corner (address side) and post it to reach the Club address by **Thursday, 13th February**. If you are an overseas member, you have longer to send in—until **3rd July**.

Remember, if you've already won a birth date award, you must not send in again. Some dates are repeated so that newcomers to the Club can have their chance to win a prize!

30 MORE COMPETITION WINNERS

HATS off to these ten clever winners of our recent "CHRISTMAS" competition. £1 postal orders have been sent to: Howard Arden, Manchester; Barrie Clarke, Stevenage; Paul Egerton, Sheffield; Colin Gumbrell, Horsham; Lee Hurst, London, E.3; Susan Pearce, Maidstone; David Fisher, Peterborough; Richard Munn, Poynton; Anthony Walsh, Liverpool; Paul Yates, Newcastle.

And a tip of the famous Buster cap to these 20 runners-up, who receive "Surprise" parcels for their efforts: Kevin Wilson, Hull; Julian White, Windsor; Gloria Trella, Manchester;

John Townsend, Bath; Vivian Summerhayes, Neath; Malcolm Sandman, Liverpool; Sandra Pryke, Gravesend; John Peam, Orpington; Andy Payne, Barrow; Keith Mildon, London, S.E.9; Ian Landers, Rochester; Graham Jones, Southampton; J. Jackson, South Normanton; Stephen Houghton, Barnsley; Margaret Gray, Ipswich; Graeme Gardner, Crawley; Keith Gaterell, Crawley; Paul Clarke, Fleetwood; Joanna Buitenhuis, Gidea Park; Kevin Barrett, Mountain Ash.

Well done, all of you! Watch for another competition on Club Page soon!

From you to me...

ANTHONY McGUIRE, a Club member from Glasgow, has problems with his copy of **BUSTER**—his hamster likes eating it! "Last week I was playing with my hamster, Goldie," writes Anthony, "when mother called me to run an errand for her. I quickly put Goldie in his cage and off I went."

"Whilst I was away, Goldie escaped, for I had not shut his cage securely. By the time I returned, he'd got through half a page of Captain Swoop!"

"I suppose I was lucky that he hadn't chosen Club Page, because I hadn't read it!" At least Goldie's got good taste!

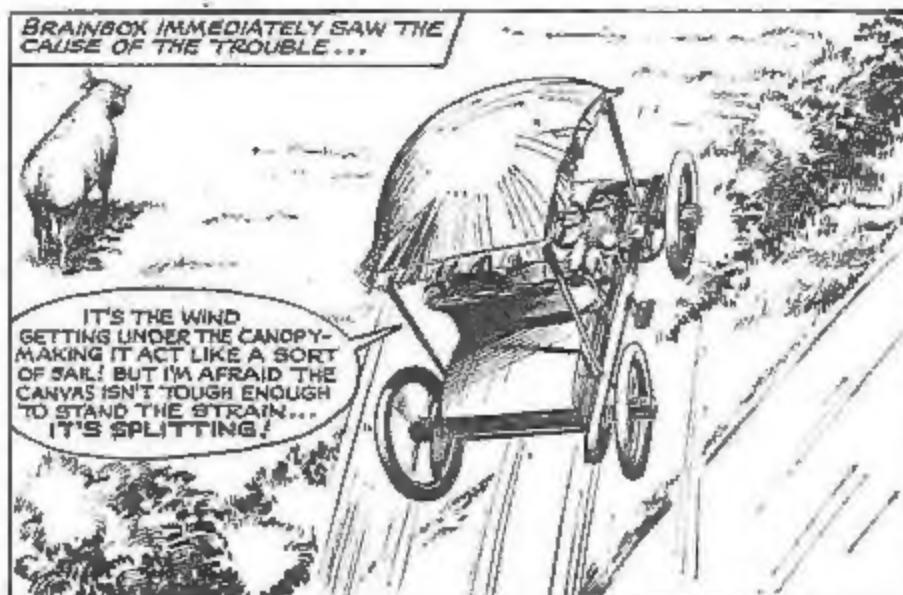
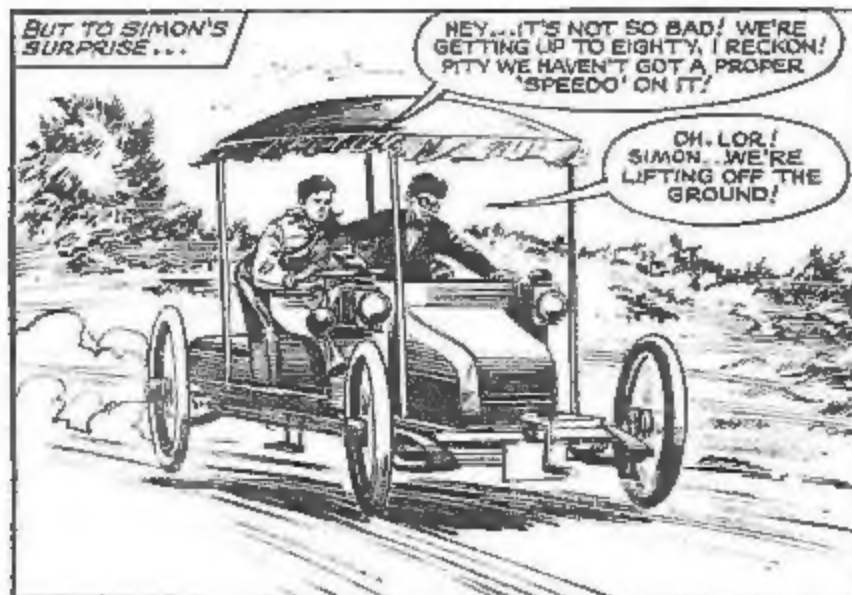
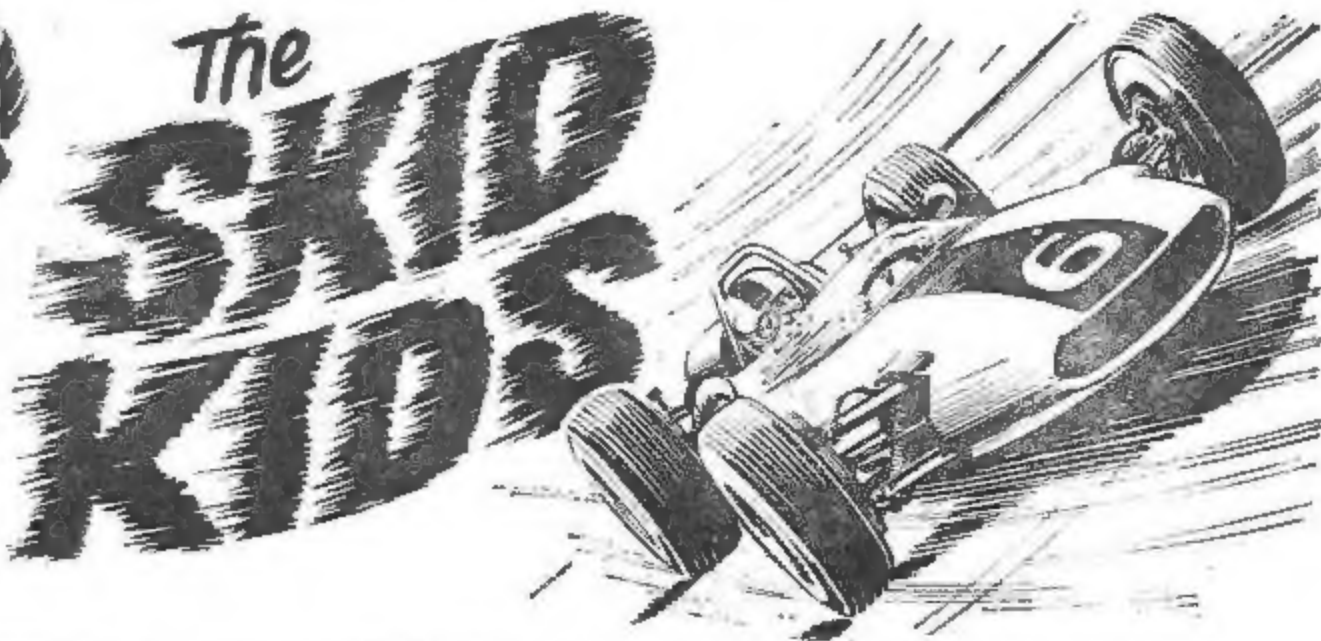
INTERESTING NEWS FROM CLUB MEMBERS

CHESTER member, Erica Townson, says in a recent letter that she owns a troublesome rodent too—a rubber mouse! "I was playing with the mouse," she writes, "when my mother asked me to help her carry a large box of sheets and blankets upstairs. I took hold of the box with the mouse in my hand, and naturally it squeaked. Mum jumped and asked, 'What was that?' Just for fun I made it squeak again. She jumped back in fright and said, 'I think there's a nest of mice in the box!' When I showed her the rubber mouse we both had a good laugh over the incident."

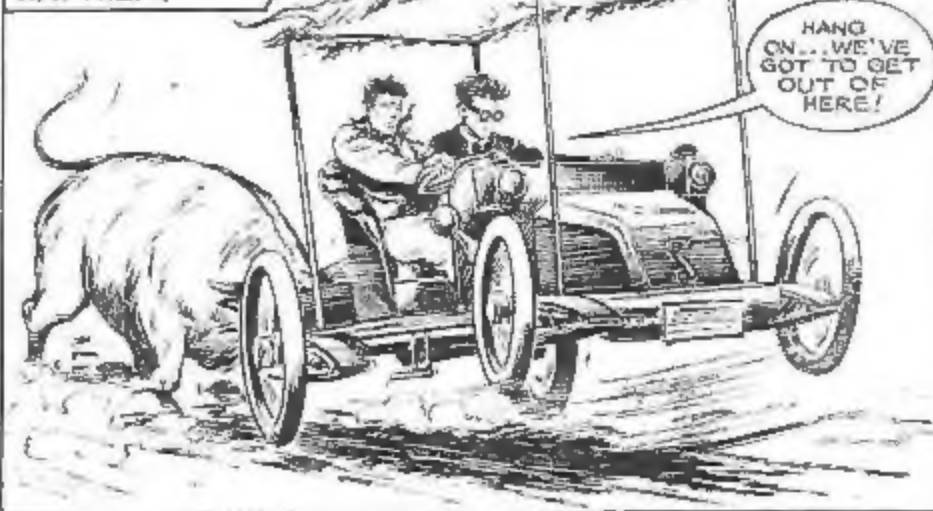
WHAT IT LACKED IN LOOKS, THE SKID KIDS' CAR MADE UP FOR IN PERFORMANCE!



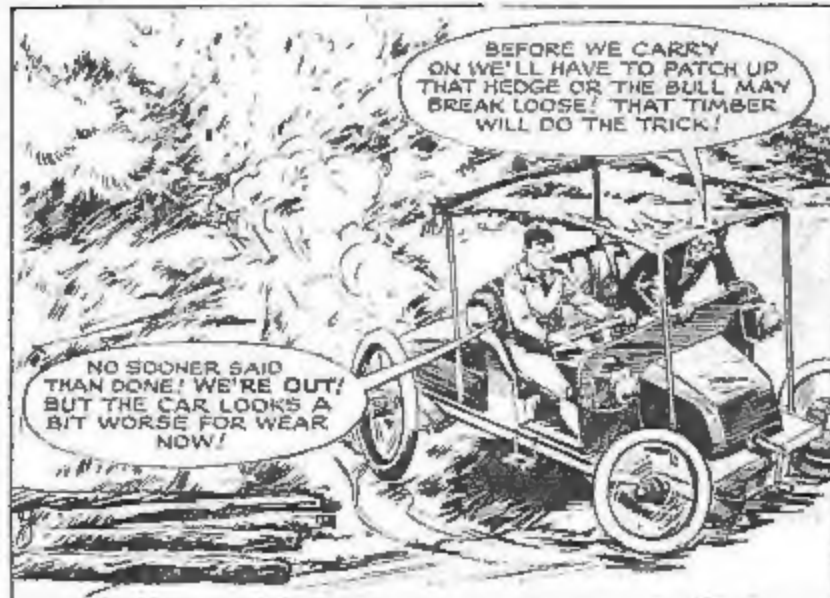
Simon Starr and "Brainbox" Cox were due to travel to Spain for a motor race. Earlier, their money had been stolen during a bank raid and their car smashed in the same incident. Brainbox salvaged the engine, however, and fixed it in an old car body...



SECONDS LATER, THEY DID GAIN SPEED — WHEN THE BULL HIT THEM!



HANG ON... WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!



BEFORE WE CARRY ON WE'LL HAVE TO PATCH UP THAT HEDGE OR THE BULL MAY BREAK LOOSE! THAT TIMBER WILL DO THE TRICK!

NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE! WE'RE OUT! BUT THE CAR LOOKS A BIT WORSE FOR WEAR NOW!

AN HOUR LATER, THE SKID KIDS CONTINUED THEIR JOURNEY...



EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE WORKING OKAY — BUT, HEY, SIMON! THAT CAR!

THAT'S THE ONE THAT TOOK PART IN THE BANK HOLD-UP! THE ONE THE CROOKS ESCAPED IN! I'M SURE OF IT!

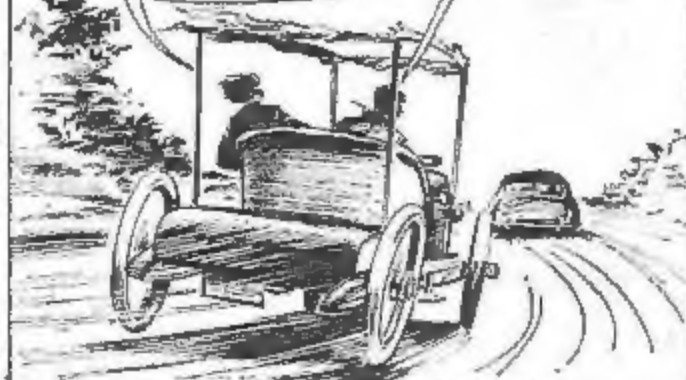
CRUISEY! I-I BELIEVE YOU'RE RIGHT!

WHAT ABOUT IT?



WE'LL KEEP IT IN SIGHT UNTIL WE GET TO A TOWN... IF WE CAN!

GOOD IDEA! THEN WE'LL FORCE IT TO STOP AS SOON AS WE SEE A POLICEMAN!



TWENTY MINUTES LATER, AS THEY SPED THROUGH A TOWN...



THERE'S A POLICEMAN!

THIS IS IT! STAND BY FOR OPERATION CRASH!

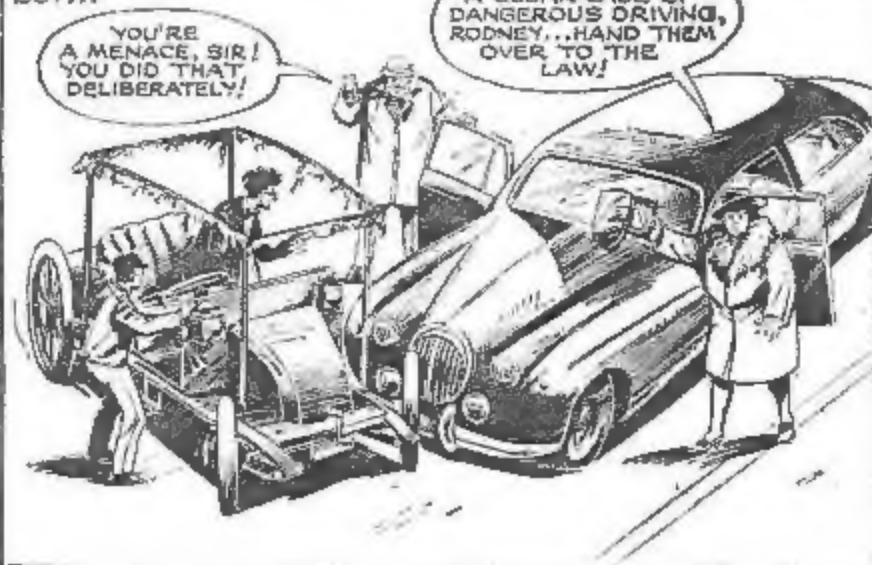
SIMON'S SKILL PREVENTED ANY CHANCE OF INJURY...



THAT'S STOPPED 'EM!

I HOPE THEY'VE STILL GOT OUR CASH IN THERE!

BUT...



YOU'RE A MENACE, SIR! YOU DID THAT DELIBERATELY!

A CLEAR CASE OF DANGEROUS DRIVING, RODNEY... HAND THEM OVER TO THE LAW!



THEY'RE NOT THE BANK ROBBERS!

WE— WE'VE CRASHED INTO THE WRONG CAR!

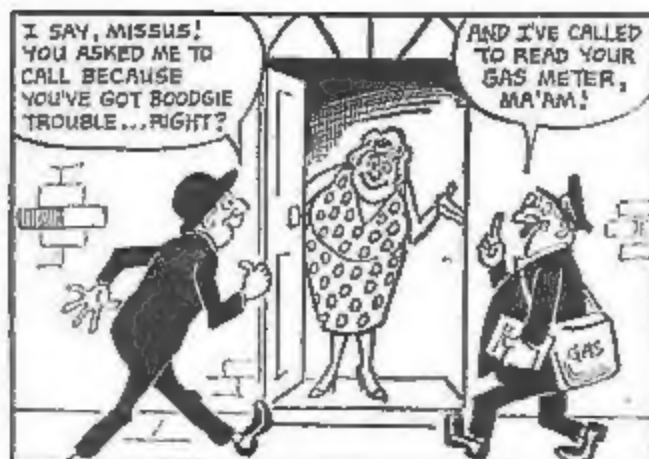
ALL RIGHT THEN... NAMES AND ADDRESSES! THIS IS SERIOUS!

WHAT PRICE WILL THE PALS PAY FOR SUCH A MISTAKE? READ ON NEXT WEEK!

FREDDIE IS ALMOST ROBBED OF THE LIMELIGHT BY THE ANTICS OF A GANGSTER-TYPE BUDGIE!



FREDDIE "Parrot-face" DAVIES



THE STAGE IS SET FOR MORE LAUGHS NEXT MONDAY WHEN FREDDIE VISITS A THEATRE!

CHARLIE SOON SLIPPED UP ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO 'AN ICE-DROME!

The ASTOUNDING ADVENTURES of Charlie Peace



In Victorian days, winter had been rather a dull and depressing time. But having been transported in a time-machine to modern London, arch-rogue Charlie Peace realised that some people revelled in new forms of cold-weather entertainment...



FARTHER ALONG THE ROAD, CHARLIE CAME UPON A HUGE BUILDING...



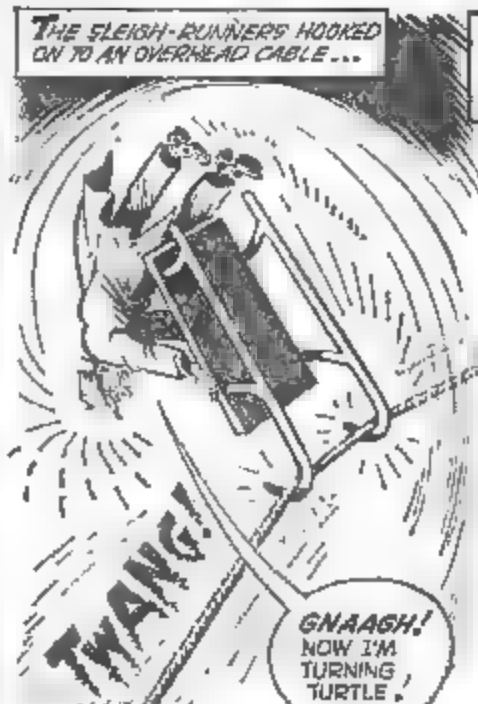
INSIDE, THE FAMOUS CROOK TOOK HIS TURN ON A MODEL SKI-LIFT...



REACHING THE TOP CHARLIE MOUNTED A SLEIGH...



THE SLEIGH-RUNNERS HOOKED ON TO AN OVERHEAD CABLE...



NEXT SECOND, CHARLIE FOUND HIMSELF BACK WHERE HE HAD STARTED FROM...

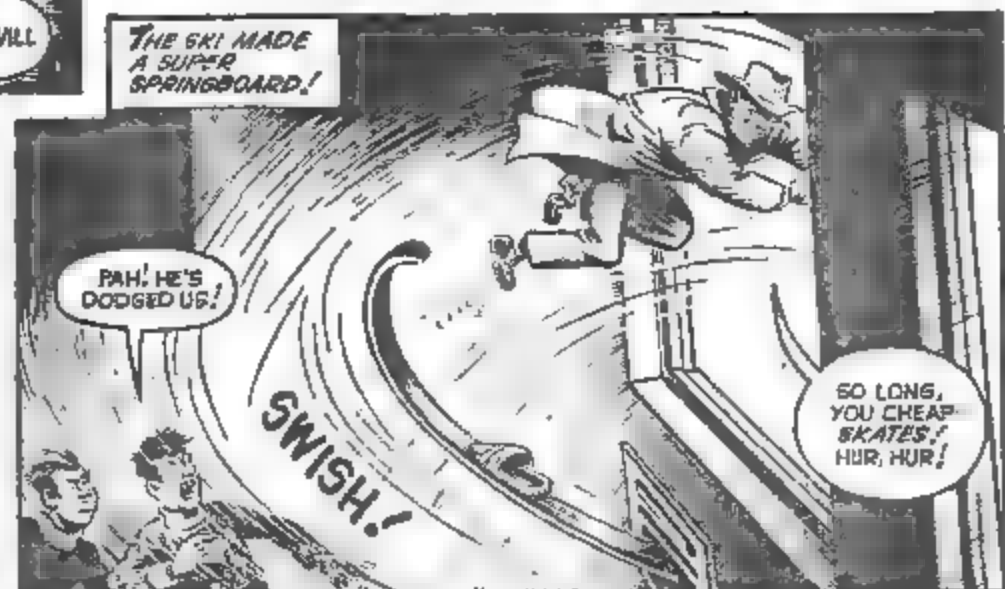


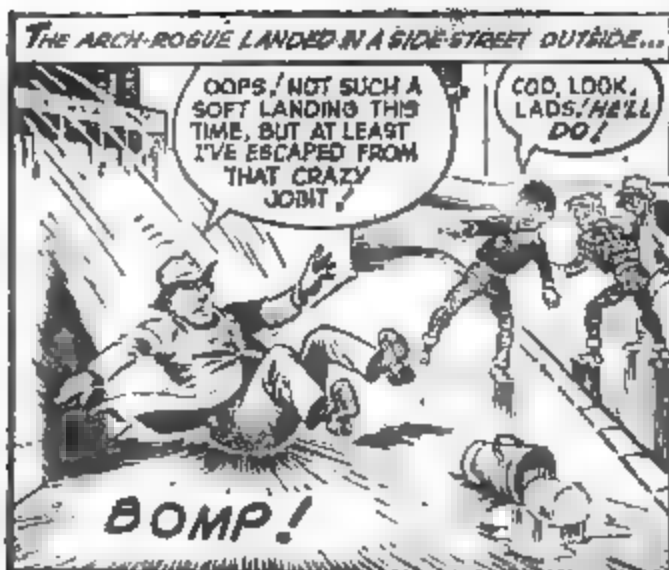
AGAINST ADVICE, THE MASTER CROOK GAVE A TERRIFIC KICK... AND IT LAUNCHED HIM INTO SPACE!



CONTINUED OVERLEAF..

THE ARCH-ROGUE WASN'T SLOW IN SLOPING OFF . . . BY WAY OF AN ARTIFICIAL SKI-RUN !





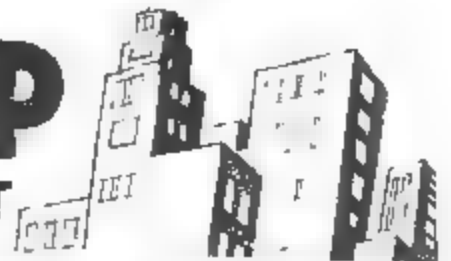
ANOTHER GRAND ADVENTURE WITH CHARLIE PEACE IN THE NEXT ISSUE! DON'T MISS IT!

OUR HERO PASSES THE X-RAY TEST . . . SO HE'S FREE TO PICK A BONE WITH THE ENEMY!

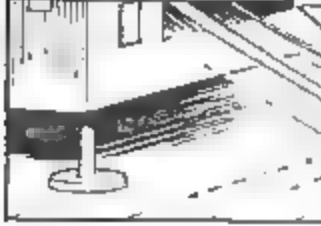


CAPTAIN SWOOP

HE'S HALF MAN, HALF BIRD, HALF WIT



HAVING GOT CAPTAIN SWOOP WELL AND TRULY TAPED BY PUTTING HIM THROUGH A COMPUTER, THE INVISIBLE CATMAN DISAPPEARED WITH SECRET DATA FROM AN ANTI-MISSILE MISSILE-MISSILE FILE. THEN SWOOP SUFFERED ANOTHER REVERSE WHEN HE WAS RUN BACKWARDS THROUGH THE COMPUTER.



HE MUST BE THE ONE WHO STOLE THE FILE! HE WAS HIDING IN THE COMPUTER!



WHERE IS THE MISSING DATA YOU REMOVED FROM MY FILE?



MISSING DATA? YOU AN SEARCH ME!

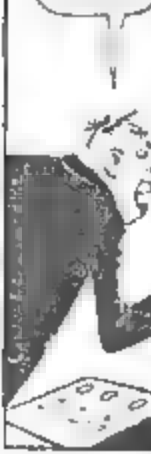
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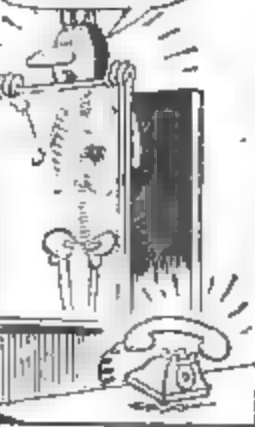
YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON ME, I TELL YOU! I'M INNOCENT!

YOU'RE CLEVER, MORE LIKE IT! I BET YOU'VE EATEN IT TO DIGEST THE INFORMATION! WELL, WE'LL SOON SEE IF YOU HAVE!

NOT A SAUSAGE!



NOT SURPRISING! I HAVEN'T HAD ANY BREAKFAST YET!



BIG-MOYSE HERE! WHAT'S THAT YOU SAID - MY CAR WAS JUST DRIVEN OFF? WHO WAS DRIVING IT?



Nobody!

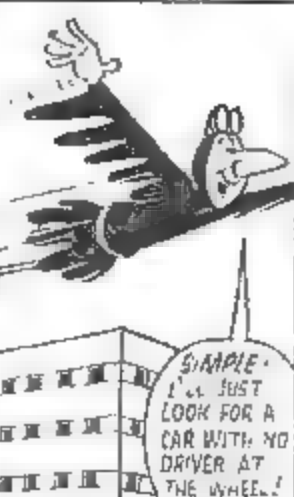


CATMAN! HE'S MADE HIMSELF INVISIBLE AGAIN!

DON'T WORRY, SIR! I KNOW WHO'S DISAPPEARED WITH THE DATA - AND YOUR CAR! IT WAS CATMAN! I'LL GET AFTER HIM RIGHT AWAY



BUT HE'S INVISIBLE - HOW WILL YOU FIND HIM?



SIMPLE! I'LL JUST LOOK FOR A CAR WITH NO DRIVER AT THE WHEEL!



HUH! TRUST CATMAN TO RUSH OFF IN THE RUSH HOUR!



LATER ..

THE ONLY CARS WITHOUT DRIVERS I'VE SEEN SO FAR ARE PARKED ONES!

SWIPE ME! IT'S SWOOP!

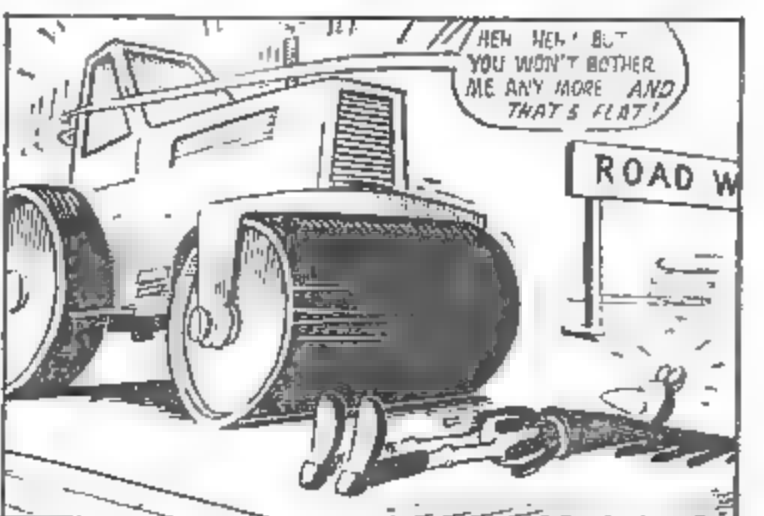


WELL, WELL! FANCY BUMPING INTO YOU AGAIN BIRD BRAIN! HEH HEH!

BASH!



YOU'RE BECOMING QUITE A DRAG, YOU KNOW! I'M FED UP WITH YOU FOLLOWING ME!



HEH HEH! BUT YOU WON'T BOTHER ME ANY MORE AND THAT'S FINE!

SWOOP COULD WELL BE UNDER PRESSURE NEXT MONDAY! CAN HE SURVIVE IT? DON'T MISS THE FUN!

YOU, TOO, CAN WIN A CASH PRIZE! SEND IN A JOKE TODAY!

BUSTER Giggles

POCKET-MONEY PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY WEEK!

10/-

FOR THE SENDER OF EACH JOKE PUBLISHED

£1

FOR THE JOKE OF THE WEEK!

HOW TO ENTER:

Send your joke on a postcard to:

**"BUSTER Giggles",
FLEETWAY HOUSE,
FARRINGTON ST.,
LONDON, E.C.4.**

A CASH PRIZE OF 10/- WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH JOKE PUBLISHED AND £1 FOR THE "JOKE OF THE WEEK"!

(When a large number of jokes are received, the first one to be judged will be awarded the prize.)

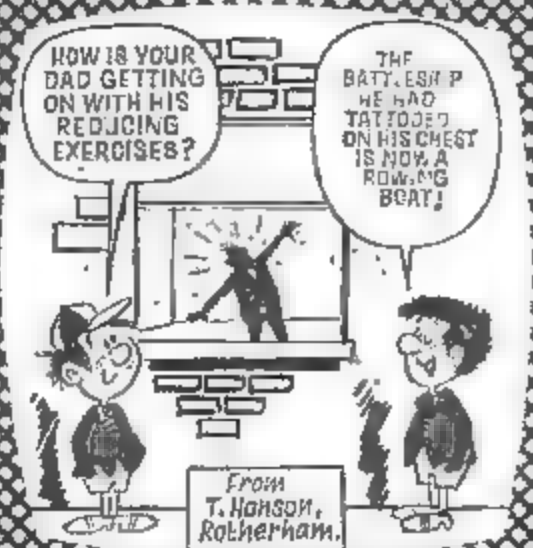
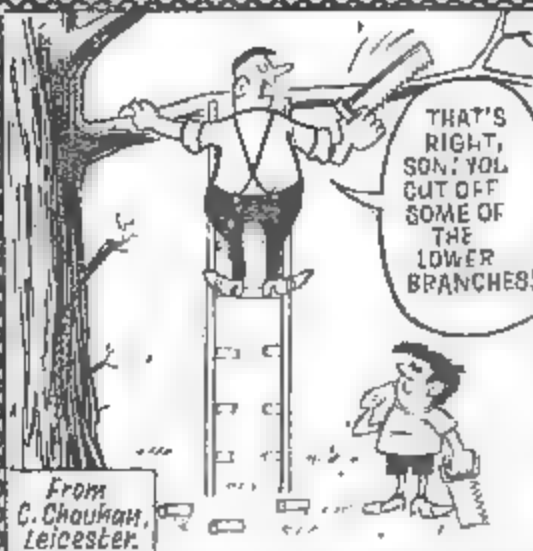
MY THREE FAVOURITE FEATURES ARE:

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2.
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PLEASE FILL IN THE COUPON ABOVE AND PASTE IT TO YOUR POSTCARD.



JOKE of the WEEK

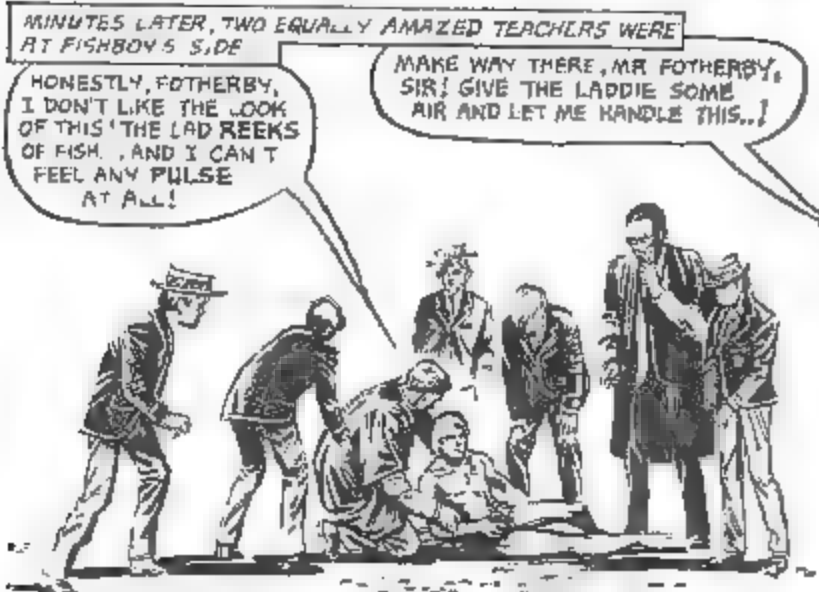
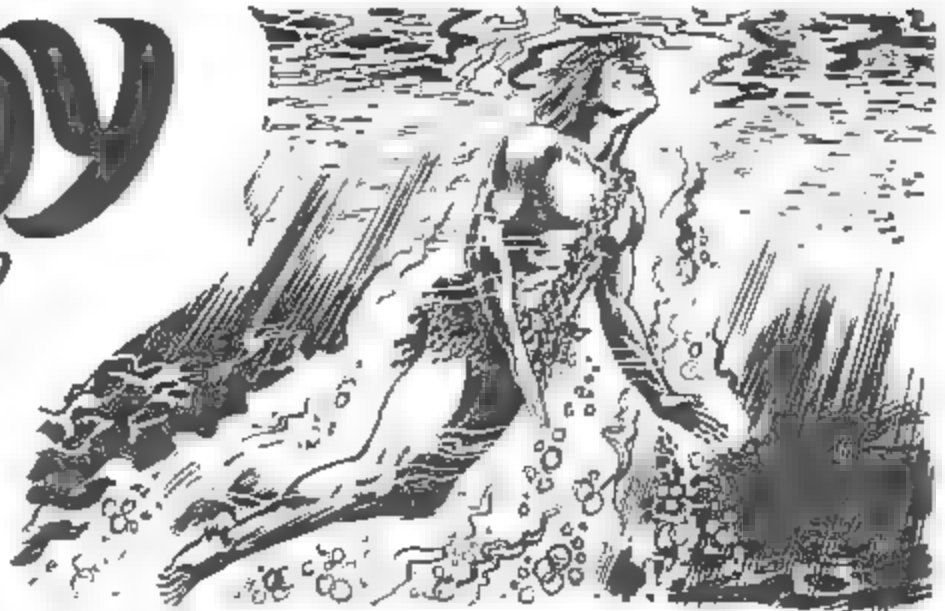


DESPITE THEIR CURIOSITY, THE YOUNGSTERS ACTED SWIFTLY FOR THE STRANGER'S WELFARE!

FISHBOY

Denizen of the Deep

Stranded on a desert island as a child and forced to get his food from the sea, Fishboy developed slightly webbed hands and feet and learned to breathe underwater as easily as a fish. After discovering that his parents might still be alive and living in London, he set off to find them. Reaching the north of England, Fishboy was heading south when the supply of oxygen he had built up after a swim in a river suddenly ran out, and he collapsed beside the ornamental fountain in the grounds of a private school...



WITH THE LAST DUNCE OF HIS STRENGTH, FISHBOY DRAGGED HIMSELF ACROSS AND SPOKE TO THE GOLDFISH IN THE STRANGE, BURLING LANGUAGE ONLY SEA-CREATURES COULD UNDERSTAND...



GASPING WITH RELIEF, FISHBOY CRAWLED ACROSS THE FLOOR...



NEXT MOMENT, IN THE BATHROOM...



SOON THE BATH WAS FULL, BUT JUST AS FISHBOY DIVED IN...



WHY, YE YOUNG SCAMP! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN HAVING US ON! IT'S NO' A DOCTOR YE NEED, BUT THIS...



ALTHOUGH KINDLY ALMOST TO A FAULT, THE SCOTSWOMAN WOULD STAND NO NONSENSE IN HER SICK BAY...



I UNDERSTAND CHEEK WHEN I HEAR IT, YE RASCAL! IT'S PYJAMAS ON, THEN BED FOR YOU, MY LAD!



MINUTES LATER, THE BEWILDERED FISHBOY FOUND HIMSELF WEARING A PAIR OF PYJAMAS FIVE SIZES TOO LARGE FOR HIM...



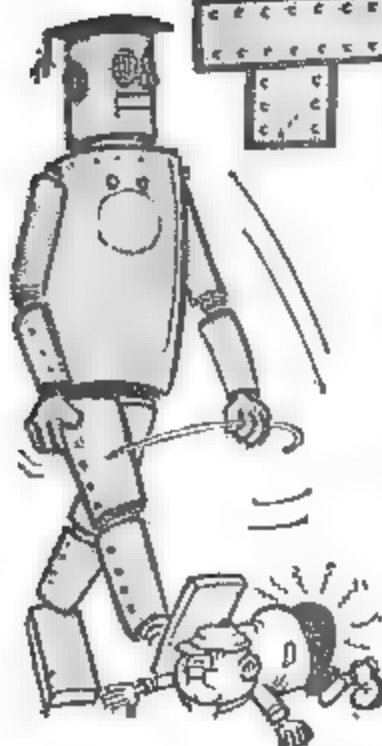
WONDERING WHAT ON EARTH A HEADMASTER WAS, FISHBOY QUICKLY ASKED HIS FRIEND THE GOLDFISH...



NEXT WEEK: FISHBOY IS MENACED... BY THE SCHOOL BULLY!

PAST OR PRESENT, I-T PROVES THAT THERE'S NO FUTURE IN TIME TRAVELLING!

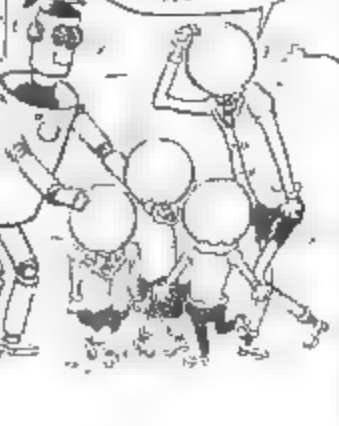
TIN TEACHER



THE BOYS HAD MEDDLED WITH TIN TEACHER'S DATE-SELECTOR DIAL, CAUSING HIM TO WONDER WHAT AGE HE WAS LIVING IN. HE BEGAN TO THINK OF HIMSELF AS A CAVALIER- AND BELIEVED THAT THE BELISHA BEACON-COVERED BOYS WERE ROUNDHEADS!



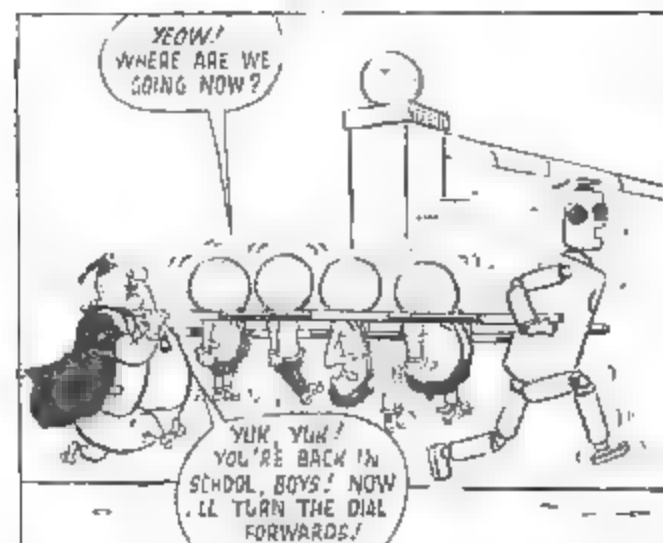
UGH! GET THESE BEACONS OFF OUR BONCES, WE CAN'T SEE!



HEY, THERE CAVALIER! I... ER... I AM KING CHARLES THE FIRST! TAKE THOSE ROUNDHEAD PRISONERS TO THAT SCHOOL YONDER FOR PUNISHMENT!



BLEEP! VERILY I WILL DO SO YOUR MAJESTY. 'LL JUST COLLECT THEM INTO A TIDY HEAP!



BACK TO NORMAL NEXT MONDAY! TIN TEACHER VERSUS THE BOYS... AT EVERYTHING!

LEAVING SCHOOL SOON?

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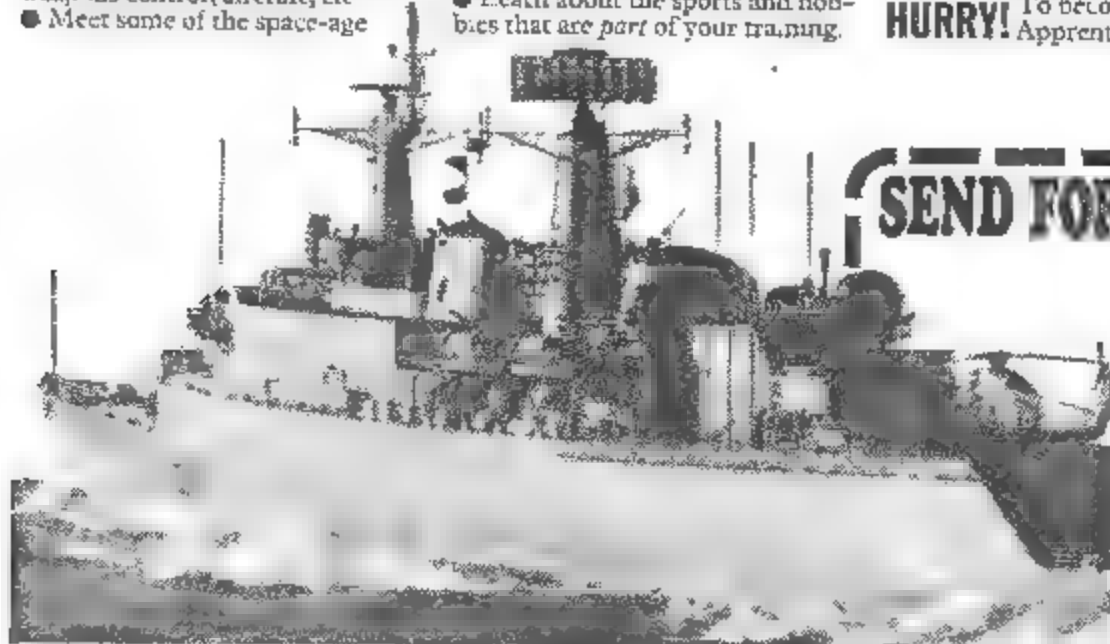
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COR! I'M BORED! WE'VE DONE NOTHING EXCITING FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS!

SAMMY HAD HARDLY FINISHED SPEAKING WHEN...

CRABBE CALLING CRUSADERS! REPORT IMMEDIATELY!

CRUIKEY! THE SHELL - IT'S SPEAKING TO US!

IT'S JUST ANOTHER OF HIS FLIPPIN' GADGETS! COME ON - HE MAY HAVE A MISSION FOR US AT LAST!

THE BOYS FILED DOWN INTO THE AMAZING UNDERGROUND CHAMBER WHERE THEY WERE MET BY A GRIM-FACED PROFESSOR CRABBE.

THIS, MY YOUNG FRIENDS, IS THE FAR EASTERN COUNTRY OF EL HABID. SIX DAYS AGO, AN IMPORTANT AGE-OLD CEREMONY TOOK PLACE THERE.

YES, SMILER, IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR CRABBE'S COMBAT EXERCISES WE'D ALL BE OVERWEIGHT BY NOW! SURELY THERE MUST BE SOMETHING FOR US TO DO SOON!

A DELEGATION FROM MOUSTANI, A NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY, WAS SENT TO THE CAPITAL...

THE GOVERNMENT OF EL HABID GLADLY PRESENTS THE TALISMAN OF PEACE TO THE PEOPLE OF MOUSTANI. YOU WILL HOLD IT FOR SIX MONTHS AS A BOND OF OUR FRIENDSHIP!

THIS CEREMONY HAD TAKEN PLACE FOR MANY YEARS WITHOUT TROUBLE, BUT NOT ON THIS OCCASION...

I'LL HAVE THAT!

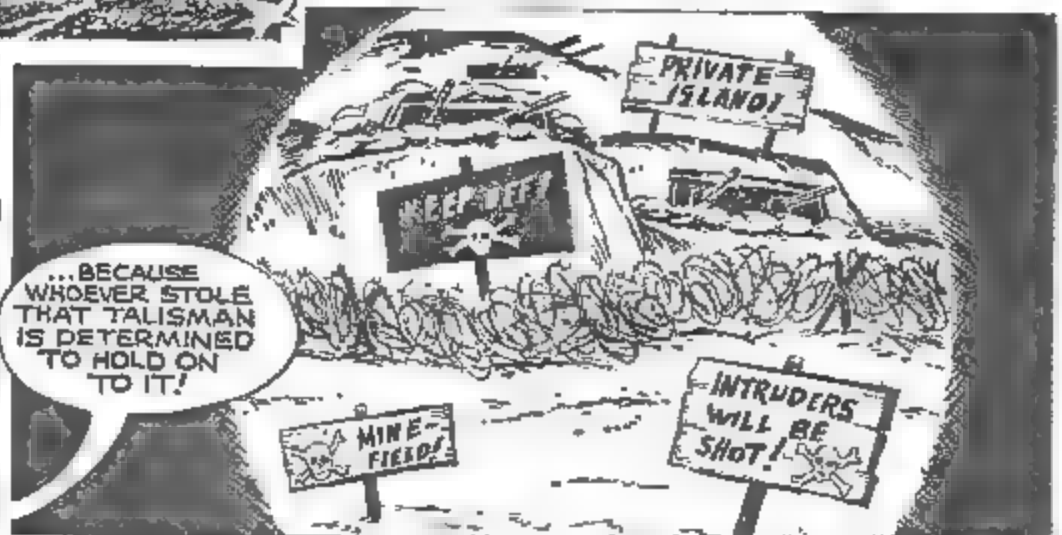
AAAIEEE! THE TALISMAN! IT IS BEING STOLEN!

UUUUURGH! AAAARGH!

THE RAIDERS VANISHED INTO THE SKY AS QUICKLY AS THEY HAD FIRST APPEARED... TAKING THE TALISMAN WITH THEM!

NATURALLY, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MOUSTANI WERE ENRAGED BY THE INCIDENT, BUT SURPRISINGLY THEY LAID THE BLAME ON EL HABID!

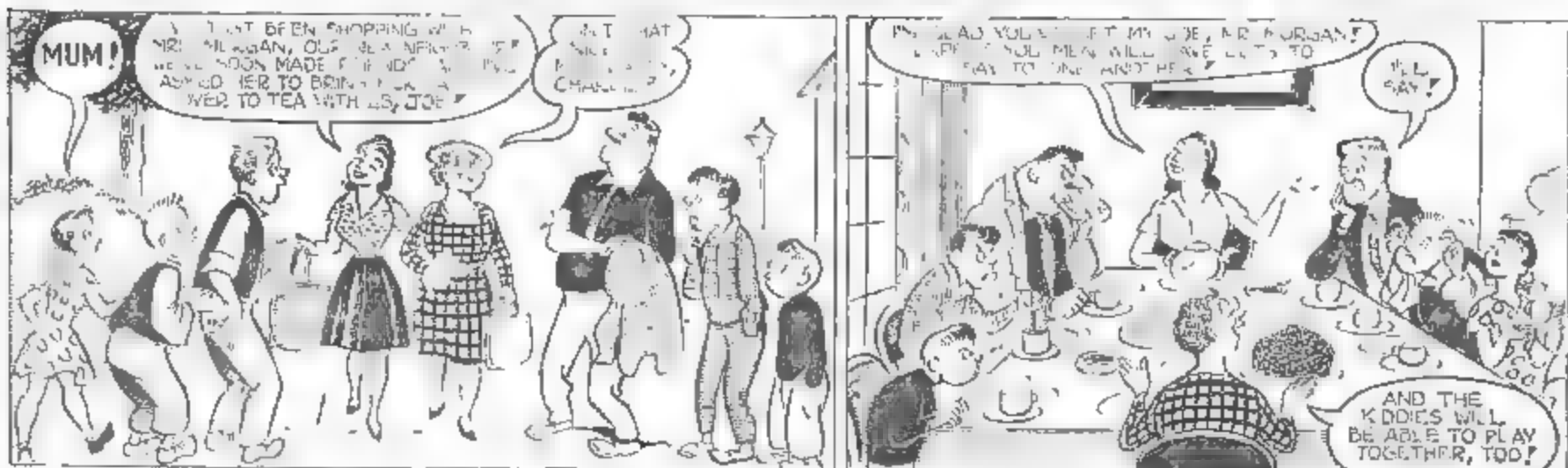
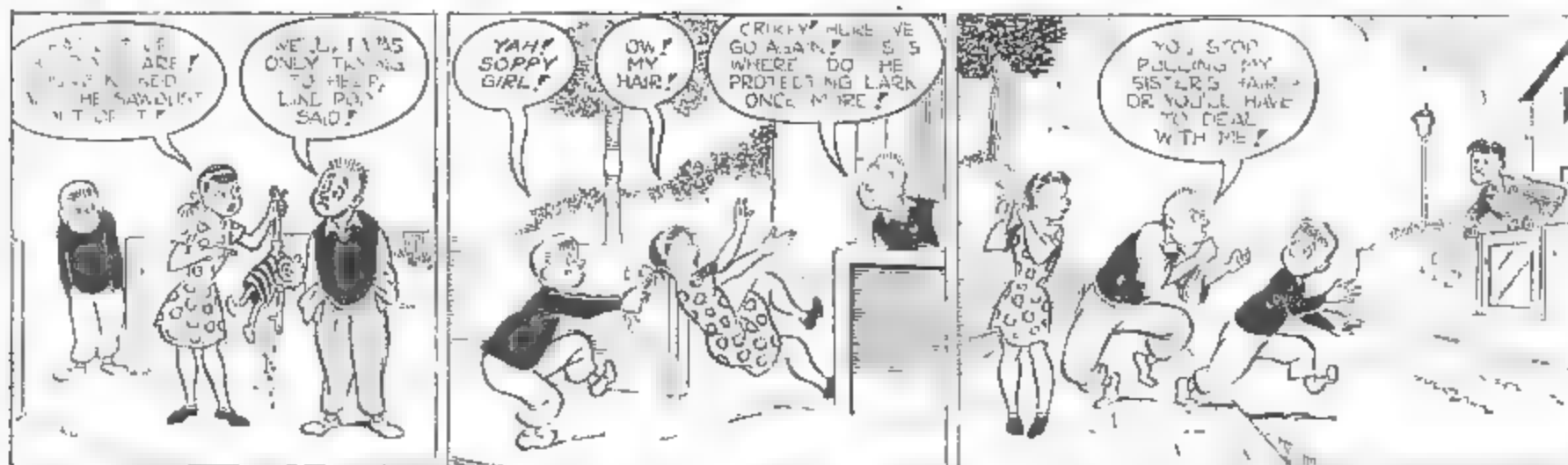
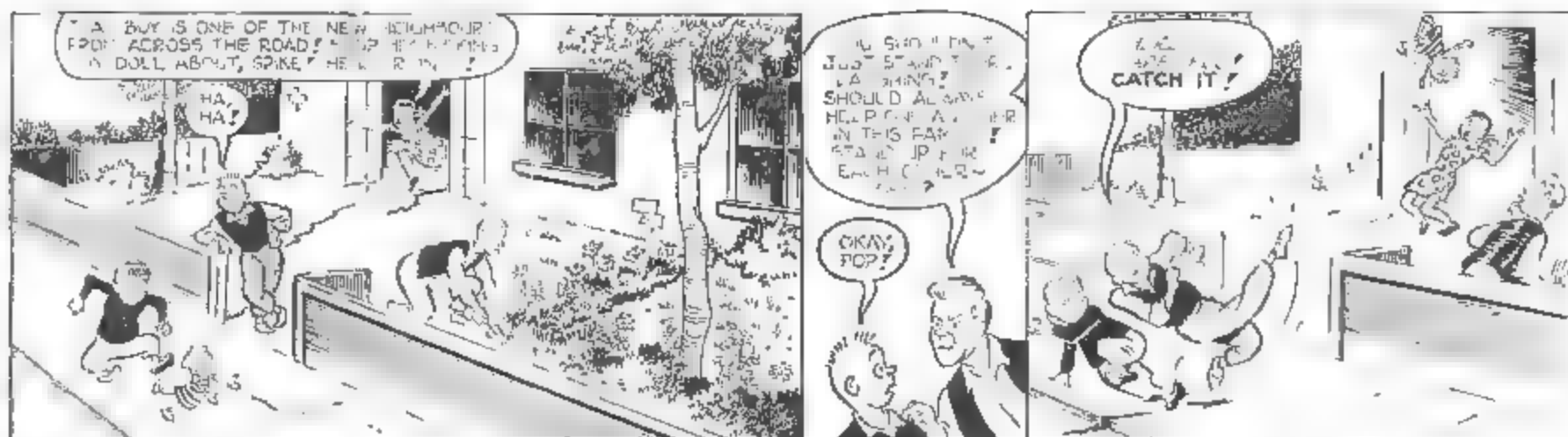
YOUR SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE AN INSULT! WITHOUT THE PRECIOUS TALISMAN THERE CAN NO LONGER BE A PEACE PACT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES UNLESS IT IS RECOVERED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. WE SHALL DECLARE WAR ON EL HABID!



CAN THE CRUSADERS OVERCOME SUCH TREMENDOUS ODDS AGAINST SUCCESS? MORE THRILLS NEXT WEEK!

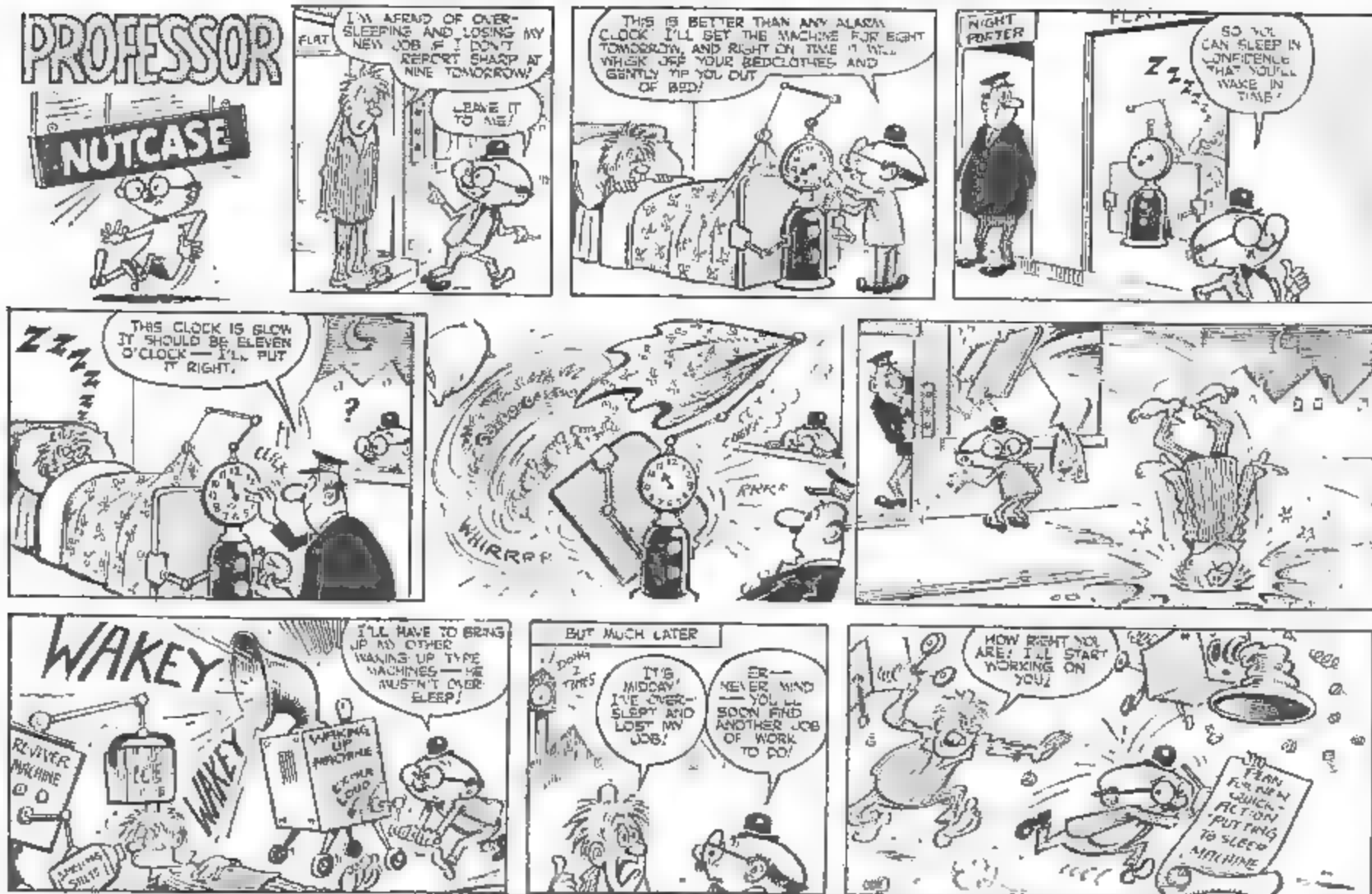
WHEN SPIKE DEFENDS HIS SISTER . . . HE'S SOON IN NEED OF PROTECTION HIMSELF!

The HAPPY FAMILY



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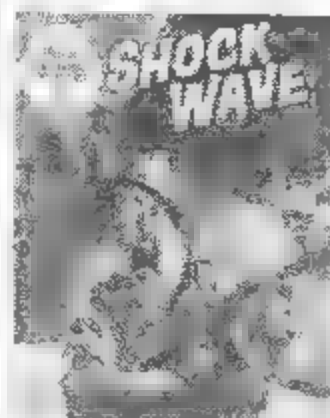
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CAN'T EAT FOR
LAUGHING!



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Potty Poem

I'M MIGHTY GLAD
TO MEET YOU,
HOW ARE YOU -
FIT I HOPE?
HAVE YOU
WASHED YOUR
NECK THIS MORNING?
OR P'RAPs, LIKE
ME, NO SOAP?

I AM A DEEP SEA
DIVER
CALLED DAVY
JONES - THAT'S
ME,
I WORK
MIDST
MERMAIDS
AND OLD BOOTS
AND LOTS OF
DAMP BLUE SEA!

MY SKIPPER
IS A
GAME GUY,
HE'LL PUMP
UNTIL
HE DROPS,
AND
I JUST
FLOAT IN
BRIGHT
BLUE SKY -

-DESCENDING
WHEN
SUIT
POPS!

OR ELSE HE'LL
GO TO
PICTURES,
I HOLD
MY
BREATH
AND
WAIT -

-TILL HE COMES
BACK,
THEN
I COME
UP
AND
CALL HIM
"SOPPY DATE!"

I WEAR
A NICE
BRASS
HELMET -
MY FIRST
- WAS
LIKE A
PIMPLE -

-ALTHOUGH
MY NEXT
WAS JUST
TOO
LARGE,
TO
GET IT
ON
WAS
SIMPLE!

I'M VERY
FOND OF
DANCING,
I
HAVE
SOME
SMART
DRESS
SUITS -

MY
GIRL
FRIEND
FOR
SOME
REASON,
OBJECTS
TO
DIVERS'
BOOTS!

ON SALVAGE
WORK ONE
MORNING
WE
MANNED
THE
FORWARD
DECKS,
THE WRECK
CAME UP
BENEATH
OUR BOAT -

-RESULT,
NO
BOAT,
TWO
WRECKs!

I'VE FOUGHT
SOME
DEEP SEA
MONSTERS
LIKE
SHARK
AND
OCTOPUS,

BUT
HARDER
FIGHTS
THAN
THESE
ARE
WHEN
I'M CATCHING
WORKMAN'S BUS!

MY MEALTIMES ARE
A NUISANCE,
ALTHOUGH
I LOVE
MY DIN,
MY
SANDWICHES
GET
SOPPING
WET
AND I GET
PALE AND THIN!

NEVER SMOKE A
PIPE ON DUTY -
I'VE TRIED
IT - GOT A
FRIGHT!
I GOT THE
SMOKE ALL
IN MY
EYES AND
WHISKERS
WELL
ALIGHT!

WELL,
NOW I
MUST
BE
GOING -
I'LL TAKE
MY HAT
AND
TODDLE -

-COO, BLOW ME
DOWN,
SEE WHAT
I'VE DONE?
PUT
GOLDFISH
BOWL
ON
NODDLE!

LOOK OUT FOR ANOTHER POTTY POEM NEXT MONDAY, PALS!

THE GORGAINS OUTLINED THEIR FIENDISH PLAN... AND PREPARED TO SEAL THE FATE OF THE EARTHMEN!



ROAMIN' JAMES

- SPACE PILOT!

A research team had been stranded on Planet Y, and the cowboy-style space pilot Roamin' James was sent to deliver a rocket engine replacement and a technician to the planet. On arrival, the earthmen discovered a strange rocket ship from another world. They examined a nearby camp site, only to fall victims to a carefully laid trap...

A MOMENT AFTER STRANGE SCALED FINGERS HAD TIGHTENED ON THE TRIGGERS OF THE STRANGE PISTOLS...

WE TRIED TO FRIGHTEN YOU EARTH FOOLS AWAY FROM THIS SATELLITE! BUT YOU CHOSE TO BE BRAVE... AND BECAUSE OF THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO PERISH!

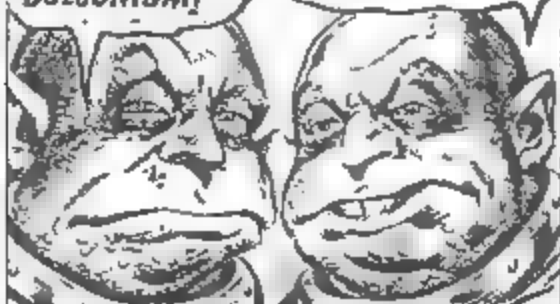


T-THOSE RAY GUNS HAVE PARALYSED US!

ALTHOUGH POWERLESS TO MOVE OR SPEAK, ROAMIN' JAMES AND THE RESEARCH TEAM COULD HEAR EVERY WORD THEIR CAPTORS SPOKE...

THIS SATELLITE PLANET BELONGS TO US OF THE PLANET GORGO! WE DISCOVERED THAT IT IS COMPOSED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF PURE BULSONIUM!

WITH ALL THIS BULSONIUM TO POWER OUR WEAPONS AND ATTACK-FLEETS, WE GORGAINS WILL BECOME MASTERS OF ALL... CONQUERORS OF THE UNIVERSE!



BUT YOU HAVE WASTED OUR TIME LONG ENOUGH! THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SECONDS LEFT BEFORE THE EFFECT OF THE PARALYSER GAS WEARS OFF, SO YOUR FATE MUST BE SETTLED NOW!

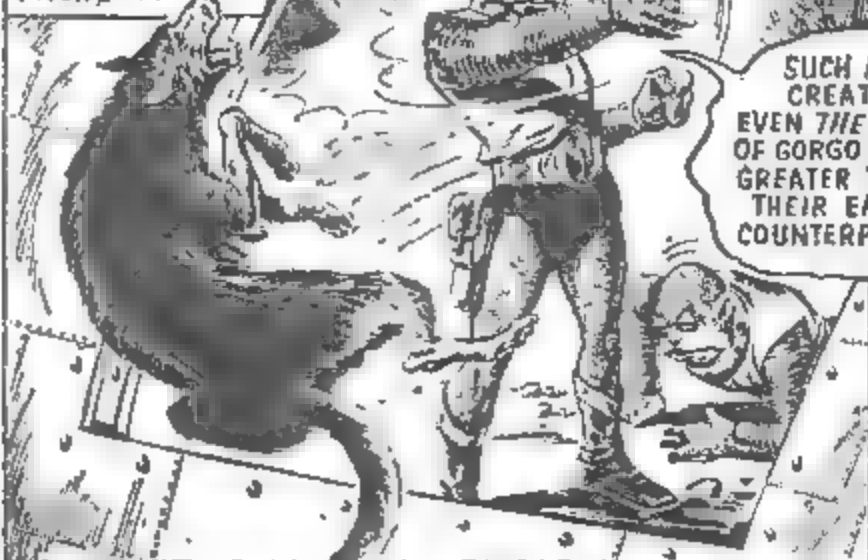


BUT NEITHER GORGAIN NOTICED ROAMIN'S ANIMAL COMPANION COMANCHE...

AND SUDDENLY! AAAAHHH! AN EARTH BEAST! GET IT—GET!



A SWEEPING BLOW FROM THE POWERFUL GORGAIN SENT COMANCHE FLYING...



THE GORGAIN AIMED AT THE STUNNED SPACE-DOG...

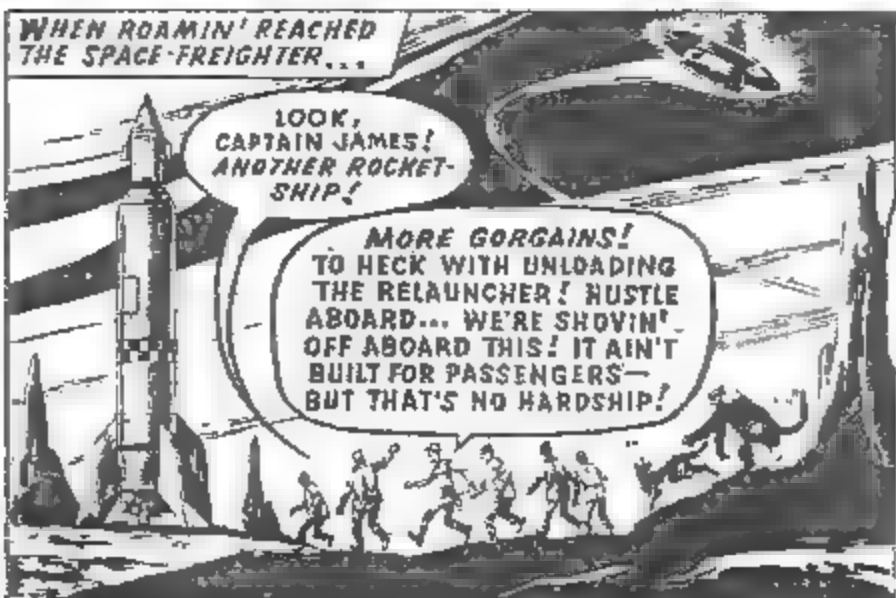
SUCH A PUNY CREATURE! EVEN THE BEASTS OF GORGO ARE GREATER THAN THEIR EARTH COUNTERPARTS...

BUT I WILL ENSURE IT DOES NOT ANNOY US FURTHER...



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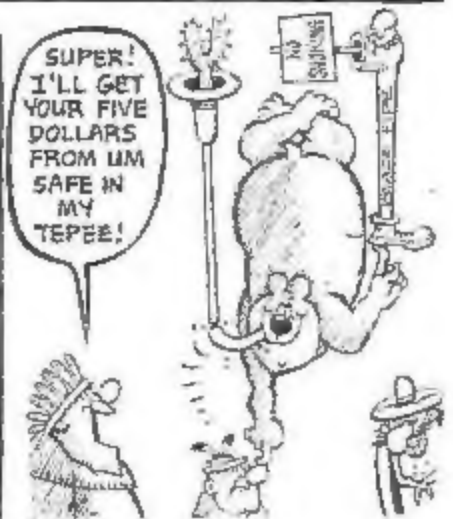
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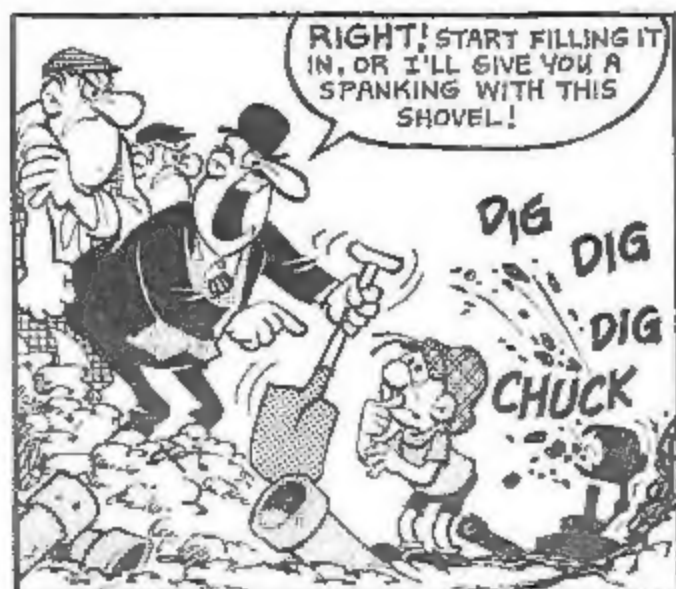
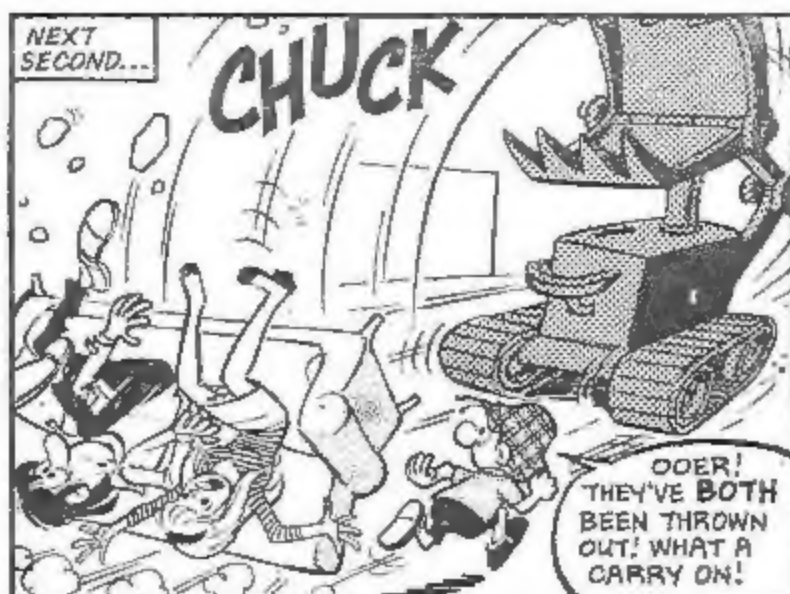
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